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SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC

ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME

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DECLARATION OF NAPOLEONE FERRARA, Ph.D., AUDREY GODDARD, Ph.D., PAUL J. GODOWSKI, Ph.D., AUSTIN GURNEY, Ph.D., JAMES PAN, Ph.D., COLIN K. WATANABE and WILLIAM I. WOOD, Ph.D. UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

We, Napoleone Ferrara, Ph.D., Audrey Goddard, Ph.D., Paul J. Godowski, Ph.D., Austin Gurney, Ph.D., James Pan, Ph.D., Colin K. Watanabe and William I. Wood, Ph.D. declare and say as follows:

- 1. We are the inventors of the above-identified application.
- 2. We have read and understood the claims pending in this application, and are aware that the claims have been rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0096951 (Jacobs *et al.*, publication date May 22, 2003 and effective filing date August 14, 1998).
- The polypeptide designated as PRO1244 (SEQ ID NO:130) claimed in the aboveidentified application in the United States was sequenced and cloned prior to August 14, 1998.
- 4. At the time the PRO1244 polypeptide was cloned and sequenced, one of the inventors, Austin Gurney, Ph.D., was responsible for overseeing the cloning of cDNAs which encoded novel polypeptides, including the cDNA that encoded PRO1244 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:130) claimed in the above-identified application.